

## DENIES POLITICS IS BEHIND REPORT ON OLD SCHOOLS

Mrs. Bacon Calls Prall's Attention to Non-Partisan Women Who Investigated.

VIEWS BASED ON VISITS.

"Deplorable Conditions Outcome of Years of Neglect to Provide for Upkeep."

Mrs. H. Roger Bacon, Chairman of the Plan and Programme Committee on Old School Buildings, made public yesterday a letter to President Prall of the Board of Education, in reply to one by him in which he intimated that the recent report on forty school buildings was made for political purposes in a campaign year.

"We deny and resent this statement," Mrs. Bacon says. "The statements of this report stand and have stood for years before the citizens of New York as non-partisan, disinterested and public spirited groups of women whose sole purpose is the betterment of the school condition of the city and whose accomplishments entitle them to be heard." She continues:

"The statements to the report are not concerned with the record of past or even future Administrations, but solely with the fact that as citizens we must naturally look to our present officials for the correction of intolerable conditions, whatever their cause may be."

"In order that there may be no doubt as to the source of the data presented in our report or as to the time when visits to the schools were made, we beg leave to inform you that the list of schools and the written permits to visit them were furnished directly from the office of the City Superintendent of Schools, the latter, March 15, 1921, and not through the Public Education Association or any other group."

"The findings of our committee were based on first hand visits by members of women's organizations themselves, who were in no way influenced, as has been alleged, and had no connection with the findings of the Public Education Association over two years ago, which were then widely published in the press. We note with satisfaction that steps are being taken to remedy many of the evils pointed out in the survey, and that many of the much needed repairs have already been made since the date of our visits, which visits have been well known to your department from the very beginning."

"That there has been no gain say about our investigation, the source of its authorization gives ample testimony. We call your attention to the following paragraph from page 2 of the introduction to our report:

"It is of course, fully recognized that these deplorable conditions are not of sudden growth, but the outcome of years of neglect to provide adequate funds for repair and upkeep."

"It is this very fact, however, which has forced the conviction that the time for action is past, that some thing must be done at once to correct this short-sighted policy."

"The committee is convinced, as it believes every citizen will agree when informed, that it would be criminal negligence for the community to permit our thousands of public school children to receive inadequately heated, unventilated, and insanitary structures that are daily deteriorating three times faster than they are being repaired."

"This is no time for recommitment, protracted discussion of who is or who is not responsible for past neglect will not furnish the remedy. Now is the time to act. The present authorities alone can be called upon and held responsible to desist in this practice and to provide the solution."

## 20,000,000 STARVING IN RAINLESS RUSSIA

Fest of Locusts Adds to Distress in South—Refugees Crowd Cities.

BERLIN, July 18.—Twenty million persons are on the verge of starvation in drought-stricken sections of Russia, subsisting mainly on moss, grass and the bark of trees, according to the *Wossische Zeitung*, which quotes information from "reliable Russian sources." Refugees are reported to be pouring into Moscow and Petrograd by thousands.

"The parched earth, it is asserted, is opening up great crevices and wells and rivers are drying up. Foliage is asserted to have withered on the trees and a number of villages are reported on fire."

All cattle in the stricken districts have been slaughtered to provide food, but it is believed impossible to avert a catastrophe unless food is received from outside sources.

## MRS. KABER, EXHAUSTED, UNABLE TO LEAVE BED.

Convicted Woman Mutter's Unintelligible and Bats Bat Little.

CLEVELAND, July 18.—There is little chance of a reprieve in the physical condition of Mrs. Eva Catherine Kaber, sentenced to life imprisonment in the Marysville State Reformatory for the murder two years ago of her husband, Frank E. Kaber. She remained as helpless and exhausted as she was when removed into the court room to hear the verdict of the jury and has not moved from her bed since being placed there. She has not eaten for several days, and her condition is being watched by Judge Maurice Brown.

Mrs. Kaber has talked a bit little and when she does it is an almost unintelligible murmur. She has eaten little food given her by her daughter and in the afternoon Mrs. McAuley, nurse, is to take of some food brought in for the prisoner.

## DEFENDS WOMEN WHO REPORTED ON UNFIT SCHOOLS



Mrs. ROGERS H. BACON  
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## WESTCHESTER NOTES.

Lieut. Thomas V. Kierman of New Rochelle is in Atlantic City.

Miss Hermine Langheim and Miss Mary Cherry of Kings Highway, New Rochelle, have returned from Twin Oaks Farm, New Baltimore, N. Y.

Miss Madeline Odell of New Rochelle has returned from the Adirondacks.

Mr. and Mrs. Warren A. Rooke of New Rochelle are motoring to Boston.

James W. Quinn and family of Woodland Avenue, New Rochelle, are at Point Pleasant, N. J.

A. Wells Peck and George Larson of Woodland Avenue, New Rochelle, are touring Europe.

Joseph W. Spaulding, Vice President of the North Avenue Club of New Rochelle, is at Toms River, N. J.

The wedding of Philip Nesbaum of Main Street, New Rochelle, and Miss Ida Davis of Mount Vernon took place yesterday at the home of the bride's parents.

Miss Clara Werner of New York City has been visiting Mrs. Truman W. Greenblatt of Hemlock Place, New Rochelle.

William H. Kellogg and his daughter, Mrs. David Elwell of Clinton Place, New Rochelle, are at Laurel Beach, Conn.

Mr. and Mrs. Franklin Hubbard Jr. of Rochelle Park, New Rochelle, are in Maine.

E. Van Houten and family of No. 126 Colman Avenue, New Rochelle, have returned to No. 329 Palmer Avenue, Bronxville.

William B. Gower and family of Rochelle Park, New Rochelle, are summering in New Hampshire.

Mr. and Mrs. Rodney Gibson and family of Rochelle Park, New Rochelle, are at Madison Beach, Conn.

Mr. and Mrs. P. Blackman and his son, Dennis, Blackman of Locust Avenue, New Rochelle, are cruising on Long Island Sound.

Lucas and Townsend Barnard of Rochelle Park, New Rochelle, are at Camp Sebago, Maine.

Miss Clara Morris, the actress of Colburn Heights, Tuckahoe, is at Laneville Farm, New Canaan, Conn.

Miss Molly and Sally Shank of Scarsdale are the guests of Misses Peltz and Peggy Russell at Madison, Conn.

Mr. and Mrs. P. Bell and family of Scarsdale are in England.

A special committee consisting of Mrs. Alice Eyring McGuire, John J. Laugel, Winfield D. London, William J. Ackerman and Andrew Wilson, of Scarsdale, have been appointed to plan the relocation of the Greenville school of Scarsdale.

Howard Hartley, of North Pelham, has returned from a two-weeks visit to his fiancée, Miss Ruth Lange, at Carthage, Mo.

Mr. and Mrs. Francis H. Wood and family of East Avenue, North Pelham, are at Harbor View Beach, South Norwalk, Conn.

Mrs. E. B. Rich and family of Pelham Manor have gone to Fort Dodge, Iowa.

Mr. and Mrs. Bradley Randall of Pelham Manor have returned from their honeymoon in the Adirondacks.

## Summer Recipes BAKED GREEN PEAS

Boil three cupsful of fresh green peas for ten minutes. Bake one hour in a slow oven. Before baking mix with one tablespoonful of sugar, salt, chopped salt pork and three tablespoonfuls of butter.

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## FRANCE IS ANXIOUS TO REOPEN TANGLE OF SOVIET RUSSIA

Troops and Munitions Sent to Warsaw, Roumania and Silesia for Emergency.

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PARIS, July 18.—Russia is again to the fore in the preoccupations of the French Foreign Office, where there would seem to exist a strange desire to seize the first opportunity of reopening the whole Russian question. In diplomatic quarters the present attitude of France regarding the Upper Silesian situation, notably the newly divulged shipment of French troops to the plebiscite areas, is traced in large measure to the influence of this anxiety.

The Communist organs have been calling attention for weeks to the despatch daily of French troops and munitions to Warsaw, Roumania and Upper Silesia, and to-day a semi-official note, explaining why the Quai d'Orsay cannot agree to a meeting of the Supreme Council until the Allied troops in Upper Silesia have been reinforced sufficiently to insure the execution of the Council's decisions, makes the straight statement that "the French Government has already taken its own measure in this matter."

It is pretty obvious that France does not mean to be surprised by any sudden happenings in Eastern Europe. She is determined to be in a position to prevent Poland from being crushed by a Red Army, and in a general way to be prepared to meet all contingencies. Indeed, there exists a strong movement here, of which former President Poincaré is the head, to force the Government to keep a sharp watch on the rapidly moving events in Russia, where French interests, according to the leaders of the movement, are in danger of being sacrificed.

It is suggested that the economic partition of Russia is in actual progress. Emile Bure, the publicist, writing in the *Reclair*, affirms that what

virtually amount to international concessions have been secured by Russia, Germany and Japan to exploit the riches of Russia.

For this purpose, Bure says, Russia would be divided into three zones—first, the northern zone, or Great Russia, with its vast forests and its vast wheat fields; second, the zone of Little Russia, or the Ukraine and Cossack territory, to Germany, which would exploit the mines with the aid of French capital, while Japan would carve her share from the eastern provinces.

Former President Poincaré, writing in the *Revue des Deux Mondes*, also refers to the existence of such a consortium, but names the United States as a member in place of Japan. He takes this as a pretext for urging the necessity of a more active policy in regard to Russia.

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## THIRD INTERNATIONALE ASKS I. W. W. TO AFFILIATE IN U. S.

Haywood Fails to Swing American Majority at Moscow Trade Union Congress.

RIGA, July 18.—The congress of the Third Internationale at its recent meeting in Moscow decided against immediate liquidation of the Industrial Workers of the World organization, says the *Moscow Izvestiya*. The congress decided, however, according to the newspaper, again to ask the I. W. W. to unite with other radical bodies in America.

William D. Haywood, Chief Organizer of the I. W. W., lost his fight before the Congress of Communist Trade Unions, which is now meeting in Moscow, to deprive American delegates representing revolutionary minorities and unions not affiliated with the American Federation of Labor of the decisive vote among the American representatives. Haywood demanded thirteen of the sixteen American votes for the I. W. W. says the *Izvestiya*, allowing three for representatives of independent unions and two for independent and eleven to unions not affiliated with the American Federation of Labor, including representatives of the Central Council of Trades Unions of Detroit and Seattle.

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Terms of Secret Accord Made Last March Are Set Out in London Newspaper.

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